THAT TRAMP.

I was just turning the best room upside down, sweeping, dusting and chaning it. The sumlight streamed in through the cresper over the windows, which I had opened, and the sound of the birds singing ontside made me wish I badh's so much work to de in that dusty room, Suddenly I heard the click of the gute letch. Somebody coming, and me with my head wrapped up in a duster and my skirt turned up! Then there was the wrap of knuckies on the panel of the front-door, which was open. Thinking it was Widow Jenkins' little boy come ever to berrow the hatchet to chop kindlings, for he came regularly every day, I stepped into the entry.

It was a tramp. He was a young man with a heavy beard, dressed in blue canvas and a straw hat, but with that shambling and half asharred look which vagabonds seem to carry with them everywhere.

Now our home was seldom visited by tramps. It was a good piece off the road. and they generally stopped at the blacksmith's on the corner or at Deacon Thomas' half way up the hill.

"What do you want?" I said sharply. But I released a minute afterward. He looked at me so piteously, he seemed so hot and tired and dusty that I felt sorry for

I was always considered the fool of the family. I was everybody's slave. If the boys wanted an errand run or a button sewed on it was always, "Sally'll do it." Sally was always the one left behind when there was a party and only finery enough for two. It was Sally who stayed home from meeting and lent her boots to one of the others. Yet I believed I liked doing things for them, and for a kiss or a kind word would willingly have gone through

Now that Uncle Kit was coming from California to make us a visit, it was I who was left at home to clean up and make the house amart, while Floss and Peggy had had gone to the village to buy some chints for his room oursains and a new white powarles for his bod.

"I want something to eat and a rest,"

replied the tramp.

If only mother had been at home! She was away consulting over Martha Phillips sick baby, for she was a rare nurse, and valued the importance of being called upon on such occasions. Father and the boys were mowing in the meadow a mile away. My impulse was at once to invite the stranger in. He really seemed to have a respectable look under his rags and wretched dress-at least I thought so for a moment, and I felt not the slightest fear of Probably he would go before the others came home and none would be the

"Come in," I said. "You do look tired out. Come in and PH get you something He gave me a grateful look and followed me to the kitchen. There I quickly set a table. The instinct of hospitality gwoke in me. I set before him some cold beef, fresh butter, a loaf of bread, and then drew him some cool cider from the cellar. He ate leisurely and quietly, but made a good dinner.

I don't know what possessed me, but after he had finished his dinner I asked him if he would take a map on the lounge in the sitting room. Pather always lay there for a short time in the evening. There I left my tramp and went on with my work. I swept out the parker, dusted the mantelpiece and pictures, set fresh flowers in the vase on the red cloth of the center table, and after giving a few touches to the brass door handles and outline new ribbons on the curtains I returned to the

The fact of it is I was filled with anxiety lest my mother or the girls or my father should come home while the trainp was If they did, woo betide me. I knew I should never hear the end of it. "Just like Sally." "Any more tramps been around, Sally?" "Sally, heard from that tramp?" and such like speeches would be dinned in my cars night and day forever.

somehow he seemed to hesitate. hope you feel bester." I didn't add "Call words that were on my lips. Still

"Can I do anything more for you?" I in-Oh, how I regretted that speech a

"You're been such a dear, good young lady to me," he said warmly, "that I'm going to ask a loan of you."
I believe I looked thunderstruck.

"I have no money to buy a ticket to Harristown. Won't you be so kind as to lend

Dear, dear, what would my folks say if they thought I was going to lend money to a tramp. But lend it I did—yes, I put into his large brown hand the whole of my six months' savings. I felt almost afraid of my folly at the time, but he took it with thought occurred to me.
"Come back for a moment," I cried. He

turned round and hastily approached the "Age you going to the depot?" Tinquired.

be answered. "Well, your shortest way is round the hense. Follow the path through the or-chard, pass the barn and down the pusture. It will bring you to the back road, and save you half an hour's walk in the sun. Turn to the left at the pasture gate and keep right on." lie thanked me, smiled again and was

'Now," I thought, "he's sure to meet none of the folks caming home." drew a breath of relief, and after tidying myself dragged the rocking chair on to the verands and tried to feel as unconcerned as southle as I waited for father and the rest

Mother came home first, full of the symptoms and sufferings of Martha Phillips' baby; then Floss and Peggy drove up in the buggy, eager to show us their pur-chases. Father and the boys arrived in

time for supper. That evening the mortgage was discussed lay on the farm was perfedically discussed. Those who own mortgaged farms know their owners will understand what I mean by saying that the mention of mortgages makes me sick. That mortgage it was that rendered my mother ald before her time and made my father appear as incornation of covetousness.

The niggardiness and closeness which necessity had made the rule of his life was not, I believe, natural to lifu; but it was ground in him by the mortgage and the paying the interest. Day and night dol-lars and cents, profit and prices, were the whole topic of conversation. Every penny was gradgingly doled out, every expense which means laying our money was cut off. Everything that could be said off the farm was sold, hay, buster, eggs and beef, and swallowed up by this mortgage. It was

enly by our own private poultry, and the our own cow, and by knitting that we girls managed to scrape together cannigh to dress on. The carking care, the pinceing poverty in the midst of plenty which wears more than anything else on heart and mind, are to be found in perfection in the home of a farmer whose farm carries a mortgage. The removal of

WITHIR EATHER THAT TRAMP

mortgage. "I shouldn't he surprised if he lifted it st last for me," said in father that even-ing. "Two offen asked him and he's never given me a decided caswer. He must be protty well fixed now and I helped him

And this opinion searced to be shared by my mother and the bays. My unclo's ar-rital was looked upon an a sort of a bonesse to the family. It was therefore bonance to the family. It was therefore with great excitancest that we heard the naw that Jake Edwards was driving up attangers from the station and that they were coming to Southe Sangator's. This message was invegit by the small boy on the shagery white pony-sho carried the lectors from the station to our postoffice and who had plaked up this hit of goesip when the mail bein came in and had outsiripped Jake Edwards' toam, which was cartainly Jake Edwards' team, which was certainly more noted far strength than speed.

Father and the boys had hired a neigh-

bor to go on with the haying, and had dressed themselves in their best, mother had on her gray satin with a pink ribbon in her cap, and we girls had made our-selves just too fine for anything. At last the team appeared; black horses and square, ollablin covered coach. A tall man, tawny and bearded, leaped from the seat and came up the veranda steps, where all the family were ranged to meet him. He shook hands with father, kissed mother

and then turned to us girls.
Floss was the beauty of the family and was first presented for a kiss, then Peggy and last of all myself, though I was older than Peggy. But I was plain and quiet.
"Three fine gals," said my uncle Kit,
"and yer boys seem kind of hearty, too, at it must be hard work toiling and

ting on this rooky soil. I wish you was all in Collforny." Then he paused.
"I have a friend, Noah Broadhead, in the marriage. I would like to introduce you to Will, and if you can give I'll be grateful"---

"Ank bim in and introduce him."

A goutlemen dressed in spick and span new niothes, close shaves and really nice soking was led up by Uncle Kit, and introduced all around as his friend, Noah

at Harristown.

However we made a very merry party. I had been so often teased and quizzed about "softness" that it was quite a relief when the mortgage, Uncle Klt and dinner took up all thought and conversation. But

The fact of it was Uncle 18t made a speech. "I see, Brother Will," he said, "that, after all, you are much better off than I am. (Sensation, as they say in the ewspapers.) You've a fine farm and a

'I am bound to say that If it hadn't been for a member of this family I should never

on so rich as you are." There was a

"Hold on till I've finished, Wift," went on my uncle. "Yesterday morning I thought I was twice as rich as you are, and fi is through a member of your family, I repeat,

that I learned toy mistake." was secretly laughing at my uncle or at my father, or was amused at being taken not know.

fore goter iwas a stocking—I believe it was a stocking. Nonh—was produced and certain dimes, quarters and fifty cent pieces.

The bank won, and the counted out and given to this worthless tor, without the slightest trace of disap-

date not look as father, the two boys seems story, which is not new, though it ed puzzled. Had my feelish generosity to has been often incorrectly told, simply that we were too well off to need his assistance? The idea seemed abourd, impossi-

an eld mate of raine, and but for this money track. He has sometimes gambled, but would not have met me at Harristown and never for the sake of winning money. offered me the sinnor of making a big fort. He has craved only excitement, amuse-

"That tramp," continued Uncle Kit, right victousness. "showed me the finest specimen of manga-ness that I had ever seen—and I understand indifferent to money considerations, from him that he found it in your posture. His friends say of him that he is as will-Brother, you wrote to me asking me to lift ing to give away money as to spend it, your mortgage. I can't do that, but you've In a single week of fun scelding he has got a daughter in your house who is good been known to make away with \$10,000. enough to make the heaviest mortgage in the world lighter than a feather. I'll tell

u what I will do. I will take shares

origingus in the village." My father moked stopefied for a moent, my motherstaredut him and blushed for sheer joy. Even the boys seemed to waken up to the good news, and I was for a moment egod with adiasration by all. So I didn't get very much teased after all about entertaining that traces. Mr. Noah Broadhead, who professed to be a chemist, evantical the manganess deposit down in

Wa still live on the old farm, but we in a spring sun. hear no more of mortgages, and it was only yesterday that Floss said to me, "Oh, Sal-, how lucky it was that you were so kind

But I have never yet been able to persuade myself that the tramp and Mr. Neah Broadboad were not the same person -Springfield Homestead

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ED WOLCOTT, THE YOUNGEST UNITED STATES SENATOR

Walter Wellman Limes a Pen Picture of This Genial, Handsome Young Statesman from Coloredo-Sonator Carlisle and His Prospects in the Upper House. [Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, June 26 .- A new orator has appeared in the senate. The youngest member of the house of lords, Mr. Wolcott, of Colorado, has at a single bound become noted as one of the most sloquent men in congress. He has a voice for congressional speaking which excels any other voice in the Capitol, excepting only that of Senator Ingalls. It is a melodious yet vigorous voice—a voice that charms audiences, a voice fit to serve as a vehicle of poetry and love. It which the voices of all great orators pos-sess. But it is not a voice for war, like Mrs. Welcott are settled in a beautiful that of Ingalls. It is not a military voice. Ingalls, on the other hand, has the voice of a captain, a voice which rings and vibrates-a voice which a general might envy or a cannoneer covet. It is sharp, metallic, pervading. The down one of the precedents of the body, wonder is how such mighty tones can There is a sert of unwritten law that a proceed from so slight a frame.

When Mr. Wolcott rose to make his speech he was clearly nervous. He had Wolcott has served only a little more sult it. Afterward it was learned that crowded about him with congratulathe senator possesses a remarkable mem- tions. What would happen if a senator ate—came to Washington with a reputa-tion for oratory. He had won notable the body, will probably make a speech triumphs at college, in the court room in a few days on the tariff question him a bits and a sup and accommodate triumphs at college, in the court room him and ma with beds for one night—well, and in political conventions. "But this be grateful"—— speech in the senate was something new Carlisle dislikes speech making. Though to me," he said afterward; "I confess many years in public life, and before that that I was nervous. It is not so easy as a lawyer of large practice, screwing his it looks to get up there before a score or courage up to the speaking point is with more of veteran statesmen and oratorsmen whose names are household words. the average man must go through before I felt young, small and inconsequential. paying a visit to his dentist. "If I could I thought I had seen his face before, as It was not like speaking to a jury in a make a speech like you," one of his conthere was something very familiar in the expression of his eyes—but could not rember where. At the time it occurred to thing new in my experience, and the and with the words rolling out so easily me that it might have been in meeting or first word I uttered frightened me more and eloquently, I would want to be than ever. For a few seconds I didn't know whether I was a-foot or on horseback.

Senator Welcott came to Washington with another reputation than that for It is a great load on my mind; it makes after dinner I had a somewhat trying or- oratory. He was known as a wild and reckless young man. Stories of his bohemian conduct preceded him. At plain, I am always accepting invitations Long Branch two years ago he won in a to deliver speeches. My first impulse is single afternoon \$7,000 on a horse race, to favor the people who are kind enough and being paid his winnings in the greasy currency of the betting ring he dress them. But after accepting I often "And a line mortage," said my father found himself in possession of a lings under his break, but Uncle Kit didn't bundle of bank notes wrapped in an old newspaper. At his hotel he concluded "As for me," went on Uncle Kit, "I'm "the stuff" was a burden to him, and not so rich as I would like to be. I am not asked his friends what he should do ready one of the marked men. He is with it. Some one suggested that inas- one of the senators whom strangers almuch as he was, as the French say, in | ways ask to have pointed out to have learned how rich you are." luck at Phil Daly's club room. The fu-My father started, flushed and grew alture senator at once agreed to this and a mind which would make itself felt most angry; he thought be was being colored boy was sent for to stack the among any sort of associations, no matpromiscuous bundle of greenbacks into | ter how learned or eminent. To my noorderly piles.

Who could it be that had told Ungle Kit | while the colored bey continued his work. that we were right livery one looked at After dinner Mr. Wolcott and his friends lisle all logic. The Colorado senator he other. My faller evidently was much attacked the game at the club house, could improvise a poem with nothing but hir Noah Broudhoad's face Fortune smiled, the banker kindly raised | the multiplication table as a text; Carwere a kind of amused smile; whether he the "limit" and soon there lay before the lisle would analyze Virgil according to player a lot of blue and white chips the rules of logic. I am told there is which were estimated to represent \$18;- not the slightest trace of imagination in "A member of this family yesterday ad- a chip on the high oard and asked the other hand, comes from a family of poets The tramp I found preparing to go; but mitted a tramp into this house," went on dealer if he would turn for the full mehow he seemed to heshate.
"Are you going, sir" I asked. "Well, I "It must have been that Sally," whiswas at hand and consented. With breathpered presty Floss and Peggy, and all eyes less interest the bystanders watched for "The t camp was fad and rested, and be"The t camp was fad and rested, and be"The transport of the card that was to
sweep away Mr. Wolcott's \$18,000 or

The bank won, and the future senapointment or vexation on his face, left Mother looked reproachfully at me. I the club house. I give in detail this stam; conveyed the notice to my uncle as an indication of the temperament of is, he wanted to lose the money which "That tramp," went on my uncle, "was the fates had sent to him on the race of my folly at the time, profusely, and the a smile, thankel me profusely, and the next thing I knew he was going down the "You're welcome to do that. Kit," said my inner thing I knew he was going down the "You're welcome to do that. Kit," said my father, dryly, "if only you if give me half fond of adventure, never those of downment. Born and reared a gentleman, his

Young Mr. Wolcott has always been ing to give away money as to spend it. Perhaps one-half of this was given or thrown away in gifts to servants or poor mough in your manganess mine to life all persons, or in wagers made out of sheer bravado. He has den what is known in the west as a "moreugabred," as a "plunger." Living all the time like a prince, and occasionally throwing away large sums like an importal spendthrift, Wolcott has often found his moome insufficient for his needs. For several veers be has earned from \$40 000 to ser. 000 a year as a lawyer-figures which our passure that very day and pronounced speak more eloquently than words of his ne of the richest in our part of the genius and industry-but these sums and others beside have disappeared like snow

Whence have come the other moneys spent by this wild young lawyer? From his brother Henry. When Edward ran short of funds Henry was drawn on personally or through the banks if time and place admitted, but if not by telegraph, Brother Henry was always willing even glad to respond. Himself a melhenaire and as generous as a prince, it is the delight of his life to be the financial patron of his younger brother, whom he idolizes. The youngest senator, it therefore appears, is not only fortunate in the possession of great talents, good health, beauty of person and a silver tongue, but in having a rich, indulgent and affectionate brother.

He is fortunate in other respects. In the senate gallery, watching him with fond eves on the occasion of his great speech a few days ago, sat his bride. To her, more than to any other person, the poung senator eyes his success in life. Her union with him, her influence over him, will have to be entered among the chronicles of statesmen's remances. A species The kindness of the little Italian, few years ago Mr. Wolcott-had in Den- by which he almost lost his dinner, had Prisoner-I am a commercial traveler .- ver a law partner of the name of Bass. saved her a mornifying destrout the dinner

partners home. In the original, erratic young lawyer Mrs. Bass took a findly interest. She begged him to consect some of his ways, to improve the great talents and opportunities, which the fates had sent him. She pointed out to him the heights which he might ascend, appealed to his pride, stirred his manhood. She did not thus labor in vain. Welcott steadied himself, worked hard, increased his popularity, became easily the first lawyer and leading politician of his state, and from such strong rivals as Hill and Tabor snatched the senatorial prize. Meanwhile his partner Bass died, and the widow returned to her old home in the east. She is now the bride of Senator Wolcott, proud and happy in his

In the judgment of his smootistes the baby of the senate is at the threshold of a great career. The wild young lawyer is no more. In his stead we have the sedate though genial, the studious, reflective, elequent young seaster. His easily fills the senate chamber, and it debut in the senate was such a distinct has the "roll" or continuous quality triumph that a broadening of his fame home on Connecticut avenue, almost opposite the British legation. Wolcott's success as a senatorial ora-

tor is all the more striking for the reason that in making his effort he broke new senator must sit two years in silence before venturing to make a set speech. his manuscript close at hand, but for a than one year, yet the censors forgave wonder did not find it necessary to con- him (for his elequence, I suppose) and ory, for every spoken word precisely of a few months should presume to deagreed with the written speech. Young liver a set speech I cannot guess, but we Wolcott-the youngest man in the sen- | may have an opportunity of seeing, for It is a rather odd fact that Senator

> him an experience similar to that which speech making all the time." the way it looks to you," replied Mr. Carlisle, "but the facts are I am positively miserable when I have a speech to make

> me morose and unnatural. And yet, with a fatuity which I am unable to exto do me the honor of asking me to adbecome frightened at my own temerity and write a wishdrawal of my accept-

In the senate chamber Carlisle is al-"good form" for speculation he try his them. His is a face which would atluck at Phil Daly's club room. The fu- tract attention anywhere, and his a hion, these two new senators, Wolcott It was characteristic of the reckless- and Carlisle, will make their way in ness of the young man from Denver that | this ancient and tradition trammeled he and his friends went off to dinner body. They are very different, however. Wolcott is all imagination, Car-000. Suddenly their erratic owner tossed | the Carlisle family. Wolcott, on the

> and preachers. This new orator's first leap into fame was when, as a mainiser of the Colorado legislature, he spoke to a bill of his own introducing. Georgetown, Colo., was reached by a railway which found its way through the great canyon of Clear creek. Here the tourist first saw the marvels of Rocky mountain scenery, and here the eign painter, the patent medicine and stove polish advertiser daubed the rocks. Mr. Wolcott proposed a bill to suppress this abomination, and in support of that measure put forth his best efforts. It was a speech with flights loftier than the snow capped peaks. He snoke of the torrent of Clear creek rushing in sparkling beauty through the somber chasm which it had been ages in forging; of the everlasting bills, their fringe of pines silvered in the morning sun against as asure sky; of the Golconda treasure vanits beneath. honeycombed with veins of precious metals, and the slopes gilded like an oriental dream; of the hunter in buckskin scouring the forest primeval for the elk monarch, and of the disciple of dear Sir Izaak alone amid the solomn grandeur of a storm in the Booky Mountains. The orater concluded as follows:

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watch, she saw it must be lunch time. She

tarted out into the station toward the suffet; the confector Bullowef bet, wildly

A Kind Conductor in Europe.

posticulating and talester in serily Rallan, the offered her taket, he shock his boad, getting more excited. He tried French; no use, still be followed her. What could it her The little man grew minson with excitement and she more puzzled than ever. Finally a brilliant ought struck him; he put his hand in his pocket and polled out-not a plans, but a big pocket mirror, and held it before her face. Inteld the story! The whole of one side of her face was as black as the ace of

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